

OPINION 956

SERTULARIA FASTIGIATA LINNAEUS, 1758 (POLYZOA):
SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *fastigiata* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Sertularia fastigiata*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *plumosa* Pallas, 1766, as published in the binomen *Cellularia plumosa* (Name No. 2442);

(b) *purpurotincta* Norman, 1868, as published in the binomen *Bugula purpurotincta* (Name No. 2443).

(3) The specific name *fastigiata* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Sertularia fastigiata* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 963.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1862)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. J. S. Ryland in October 1968. Dr. Ryland's application was sent to the printer on 22 November 1968 and was published on 28 February 1969 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 229–231. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184). No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 1 June 1970 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (70)25 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 230. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 1 September 1970 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—thirteen (13), received in the following order: Holthuis, Melville, Lemche, Eisenmann, Vokes, Obruchev, Tortonese, Jaczewski, Mertens, Munroe, Binder, Forest, Ride.

Negative votes—two (2): Sabrosky, Starobogatov.

Voting Papers not returned—seven (7): do Amaral, Bonnet, Brinck, Evans, Kraus, Mayr, Simpson.

Commissioner Alvarado returned a late affirmative vote. Dr. C. W. Sabrosky made the following comment in returning his negative vote: "If Ellis' work was so outstanding and the plates so excellent and the identity of *fastigiata* so clear, the name should have been recognized long ago, as Norman (1868) did. It is high time that the error was corrected."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official List and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

fastigiata, *Sertularia*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10) 1 : 815

plumosa, *Cellularia*, Pallas, 1766, *Elench. Zoophytorum*: 66

purpurotincta, *Bugula*, Norman, 1868, *Q. Jl microsc. Sci.* 8 : 149

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (70)25 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 956.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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